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1. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL A, EMBASSY APPROACHED QUAI
SEPTEMBER 23 AT LEVEL OF UN DIRECTOR TO CLARIFY OUR
RESPECTIVE POSITIONS REGARDING UN RESTRUCTURING AND
SPECIFICALLY DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR THE POST OF UN DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL. QUAI UN
DIRECTOR LECOMPT APOLOGIZED PROFUSELY FOR HAVING TO
POSTPONE AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE HIS PRE-UNGA CONSULTATION
WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES, EXPLAINING THAT
FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD HAD ORDERED HIM TO REMAIN TO
COMPLETE SPEECH GUIRINGAUD WILL MAKE IN UNGA
SEPTEMBER 27. (FYI: HE SAID GUIRINGAUD WOULD BE
REVEALING SOME ASPECTS OF FRENCH DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE
RECENTLY HERALDED BY ELYSEE.) LECOMPT WISHES TO ASSURE
MAYNES THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK AS OF
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 FOR CONSULTATIONS ON RESTRUCTURING
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OR OTHER UNGA MATTERS. LECOMPT PURSUED WITH EMBOFF
ESSENTIALLY 4 LINES OF REASONING CONCERNING DEPARTMENT'S
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PROPOSAL:

A. THE TEXT EMBODIES A CONTRADICTION BETWEEN
ON THE ONE HAND THE TITLE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL
(DSYG) AND ON THE OTHER HAND THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THIS

POST. CREATING A POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL IS ONE THING, BUT ASSIGNING TO HIM THE DUTIES WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN THOSE OF A DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) FOR DEVELOPMENT IS ANOTHER -- PARTICULARLY INASMUCH AS GOF UNDERSTOOD USG TO SHARE ITS OPPOSITION TO THE DG POST.

B. THE DEPARTMENT'S TEXT PUTS 3 QUARTERS OF ITS ACCENT ON FUNCTIONS FOR THE DSYG WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE THOSE OF SOMEONE DIRECTING ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND ONLY 1 QUARTER ON THE FUNCTIONS OF BRINGING GOOD MANAGEMENT TO THE UN SECRETARIAT AND AVOIDING DUPLICATION. LECOMPT HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM HIS SEPTEMBER 8 CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRANK THAT THESE RATIOS WOULD BE REVERSED.

C. GOF DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A FORTHCOMING POSITION REGARDING EITHER DSYG OR DG POSITIONS IS A

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PROPER HORSETRADE IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE COMMON US AND FRENCH OBJECTIVES IN THE SEPERATE FIELD OF "OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES". IN OTHER WORDS, FRENCH BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET CHAPTER 5 OF UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE TEXT WITHOUT HAVING TO CONTRIBUTE SO

GENEROUSLY ON CHAPTER 8. HE UNDERLINED THAT THIS DIFFERENT ASSESSMENT OF THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION IN NEW YORK LIES AT THE BASE OF, AND, THEREFORE TRANSCENDS, THE DIFFERENCE IN POSITIONS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S TEXT.

D. FINALLY, LECOMPT SAID (OSTENTATIVELY CON-SULTING COPY OF MEMCON) THAT DURING PRIME MINISTER BARRE'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, SECRETARY VANCE HAD BEEN IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH GUIRINGAUD THAT WE SHOULD AVOID CREATION OF NEW POST WHETHER IT BE DG OR DSYG.

2. SEPARATELY, POLCOUNS STRESSED TO GUIRINGAUD'S DIRECTOR OF CABINET, ULRICH, THAT TIME CONSTRAINTS ON THIS MATTER ARE SUCH THAT GOF AND USG MUST BE PREPARED
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TO CONSERVE THEIR POSITIONS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 26. ULRICH, WHO SEEMED INFORMED, SAID THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND HE POINTED OUT THAT GUIRINGAUD WILL BE GOING TO NEW YORK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.
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